



Here is your weekly dose of "TAKE 5 Wednesday", a list of what I'm enjoying, pondering and working on.



Want a memorable holiday? Gift experiences instead of stuff

With the holidays approaching, inflation is squeezing Canadian budgets. Despite this, most plan to spend on gifts. Many are seeking sustainable alternatives to traditional presents. Experiential gifts, like shared memories, can be both thoughtful and budget-friendly. [Here](#) are some tips to make it happen.



Why every parent needs a death binder

As a parent managing finances, it's crucial to plan for the unexpected. While wills and power of attorney are essential, they're just the beginning. You need to organize important documents and share their location with loved ones. This ensures your family can access vital information if you're unable to. In this [article](#) learn which common items to include in a death binder.



2024 Canadian holiday outlook

Canadian shoppers are ready to spend this holiday season, but they're looking for deals and value. They're comparing prices, seeking discounts, and prioritizing quality and sustainability. To understand their preferences better, we surveyed 1,000 Canadian consumers. [Here's](#) what we found.



How your credit score impacts your financial health

Have you ever wondered what goes into your credit score? Understanding how that three-digit number works can go a long way toward helping you manage your finances. In his article, David Christianson, CFP, offers tips for improving your credit score to boost your financial well-being. [Read](#) the full article now.

Quote I'm pondering

"Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, and dreams are forever."
— Walt Disney

Thanks for TAKING 5!

Scott

Whenever you're ready... here are 3 ways I can help:

Option 1.

Let's have a chat: Just [CLICK HERE](#) to see my calendar through our online scheduler. Then, select a time that works for you. The scheduler will book our time and send you the call-in details.

Option 2.

Let's "meet": If you would like to book a free, no-obligation information session, please email me at scottplaskett@ironshield.ca and we can coordinate a time that fits into your schedule.

Option 3.

Attend my next free webinar: Every Friday I get together online with a handful of other local business owners and share with them the most current research and insights into proper financial planning - specifically for business owners. If you'd like to participate or just listen in on the next session, please email me at scottplaskett@ironshield.ca and I'll forward you the details.

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